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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Sir:

Further to the IDS filed on 06 October 2006, disclosing USP 6,029,023 and JP 2001-005344, applicants submit the following remarks.

USP 6,029,023 merely discloses beginning the preparation for the color printing mode after finishing the print in the monochrome (black/white) printing mode, if the printing mode is switched from the monochrome printing mode to the color printing mode. This reference, however, neither discloses nor suggests driving all of the scanners for the color printing mode during the monochrome printing mode.

JP2001-005344 merely discloses causing an image stabilization control for the color printing mode during the monochrome printing mode. This reference, however, neither discloses nor suggests driving all of the scanners for the color printing mode during the monochrome printing mode.

Respectfully submitted,

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